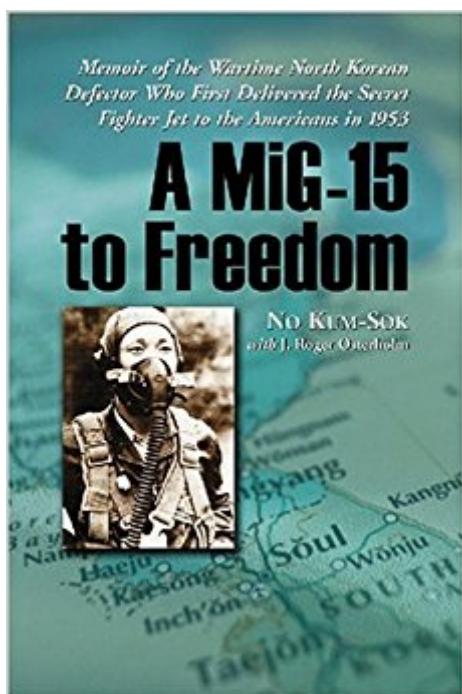


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A MiG-15 To Freedom: Memoir Of The Wartime North Korean Defector Who First Delivered The Secret Fighter Jet To The Americans In 1953



Synopsis

On September 21, 1953, U.S. airmen at Kimpo Air Base near Seoul, Korea, were startled to see landing a MiG-15, the most advanced Soviet-built fighter plane of the era, piloted by Senior Lieutenant No Kum-Sok, a 21-year-old North Korean Air Force officer. Once he landed, Lieutenant No found that his mother had escaped to the South two years earlier, and they were soon reunited. At his request, No came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen. His story provides a unique insight into how North Korea conducted the Korean War and how he came to the decision to leave his homeland.

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No Kum-Sok lives in Florida. The late J. Roger Osterholm lived in Florida.

This book is remarkable for several reasons:(1) Lt. No Kum-Sok does a wonderful job illustrating the horrors of Communism, particularly that of the North Korean variety;(2) He provides good insights into how China and Russia colluded to make life miserable for Americans;(3) His escape--nothing short of miraculous--is a testament of profound courage, skill, and maturity.While he was in North Korea, there were many instances where he had the smarts to speak up, when to take initiative, and--perhaps most importantly--when to keep his mouth shut.His persistence earned him a slot in the (North Korean) Naval Academy. His initiative allowed him to seek pilot training, avoiding assignment to the infantry which would have carried a lower chance of survival. His flying skills were enough to keep him alive against the Americans in their superior F-86 fighters.After the Armistice,

he wisely picked his time--and destination--for defection.Lt. No Kum-Sok paid a horrendous price for his defection: at least five North Korean pilots were executed because of his defection. Even in America, he has had to keep a relatively low profile because of the possibility of North Korean harassment.His bravery and hard work are a fine example for all Americans. This book should be made into a movie.

Frightening story is it for Koreans, who, as contemporaries of Mr. Roh, mostly have understood only his being sent to U.S for full freedom and being rewarded as well for the MIG-15 in the meantime but it turned out that under such highly-tensioned cold war era a China- planted espionage agent briskly acted faithful to Red Chinese premier, Cho En Lai, transferring all top tactical and strategical intelligences around Okinawa and Mr.Roh's arrival there after defection to Cho's hands, which provably resulted in the peninsula still being parted in two almost same as before war. More disappointing is the fact the agent Larry Chin was handcuffed only in 1985, letting him keep on espionage over 30 years in American soil! What the hell the CIA is ???? Anyhow we are happy to have learned anew about Mr. Ro's well-being in America together with his family. Wish for continued luck and and happiness for him.

An excellent perspective of that war, and an insight into the lives of those under the communist heel. A look at what some of our own countrymen want for us.

Very good read with many details about things that happened during the Korean War period.I may be somewhat biased because he, the pilot, is my next door neighbor in Daytona Beach but his memory of those days is amazing.

What an incredible true story of a brave young man who wanted not money nor fame but **FREEDOM** and happiness!

History written from the point of view of Everyman. Fills in my history knowledge of times just after WWII.

It's a good book to read about not only the escape of No, but one gets a look into how life was for that part of the military at that time in the DPRK. One also gets a look into the early history of the DPRK.

Amazing and exciting story of North Korean defector who flew his jet into South Korean aerospace. I highly recommend it.

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